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AMENDMENT

Commissioner of Patents and Trademarks
Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

In response to the Office Action mailed December 4, 2001, please consider the application amended as follows:

In the Abstract:

Please amend the Abstract of the Disclosure as follows:

An illuminating weatherseal can seal a gap between confronting surfaces and illuminate the adjacent environment. The illuminating weatherseal includes a light emitting line extending along a longitudinal dimension of the weatherseal, wherein the light is emitted from the light emitting line along a path non coincident with the longitudinal dimension. A switch can be incorporated into the illuminating weatherseal for selectively actuating the light emitting line.

In the Drawings:

Formal Figures 1-24 accompany the present amendment.

In the Claims:

1. (Twice Amended) A weatherseal for sealing a gap intermediate a first and a second confronting surfaces, the first and second confronting surfaces moveable between a spaced apart open position and an adjacent closed position, the weatherseal, comprising:

(a) an elongate elastomeric body selected to attach to the first confronting surface, the elastomeric body including a sealing portion adapted to be spaced from the second confronting surface in the spaced apart open position of the confronting surfaces and the sealing portion adapted to contact the second confronting surface in the adjacent closed position of the confronting surfaces, the elastomeric body